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## Maintenance of Pools, Spas & Water Features

## Pool and spa chemicals may be harmful to our environment!

The water you drain from your swimming pool, spa or other water features such as fountains and koi ponds, may be heavily laced with chemicals such as chlorine, copper or bromine.

These chemicals are designed to keep the water in swimming pools clean and clear. Alternatively, the same chemicals, when released into the stormwater drainage system, may kill important parts of the natural aquatic environment in our local waterways.



### Make better choices.

Maintain pools, spas and water features with the environment in mind.

In order to drain your pool into the stormwater drainage system, the water must:

- ~ Not contain significant amounts of vegetation or debris
- ~ Be dechlorinated and test less than one part per million (ppm) chlorine
- ~ Have an acceptable pH of 7-8.
- ~ Contain no algae or greenish color
- ~ Contain no hydrogen peroxide based products
- ~ Flow at a rate that will not cause any flooding or erosion problems

### Other maintenance tips:

- ~ It's best to clean your pool's filter over a lawn, planter box, or another surface that absorbs liquids. Collect pool debris on a filter cloth and then discard the cloth in the trash.
- ~ If your pool water is chemical free, you can discharge it into the storm drain. Chlorine naturally dissipates over time and, if you do not add chemicals to the water for 5 to 7 days, your pool will be free of chlorine, and ready to drain.
- ~ Drain backwash discharge into the sanitary sewer system through a legal sewer connection.
- ~ It is illegal to dump discharge from backwashing or acid cleaning into the stormwater drainage system.



### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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